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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Fort Knox Policy Memo No. 18-06 – Command Safety and Risk Management

1. The Fort Knox mission demands high quality training and job performance. To fulfill our commitment to excellence, safety is essential in everything we do. Strong leadership, careful planning, attention to standards, risk assessment, and personal discipline will make safety a part of all activities.
2. All accidents are preventable. Every fatality, every injury, and all material lost to accidents detract from this command's effectiveness. These accidents represent a failure in your programs and mine – failures for which you and I as leaders must bear the responsibility. Your involvement in the Fort Knox accident-prevention effort is an essential part of your mission.
3. The objective of this command is to conduct our training mission in a safe, professional manner. Due consideration must be given to the relationship between safety and the risks inherent in realistic training, with a goal of producing a quality Soldier while reducing and keeping to a minimum accidental losses. The key to achieving safety integration and a proper balance of safety and mission goals is risk management. It is not enough to just identify and assess hazards. Steps must also be taken to eliminate, reduce, or control hazards without significant adverse mission impact.
4. Off-duty safety continues to be an area of concern throughout the Army and Fort Knox. We are losing too many Soldiers to privately-owned vehicle (POV) accidents. The automated POV Risk Assessment, FK Form 5069-E, is an excellent tool that can be used to identify hazards and can reduce the risk Soldiers may face while driving.
5. Our goals are attainable, but they can only be achieved through education, leadership, close supervision, and heightened awareness. Continue to keep our Soldiers safe. Your hard work will make a difference.


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